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MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Subject: Acceptance of Three Alternatives to Incarceration Grants from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Pretrial Program, Enhanced Pretrial Program, and Domicile Restriction Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept three (3) Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) grants from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, the first in the amount of \$165,879, for the Pretrial Program, the second in the amount of \$102,675, for the Enhanced Pretrial Program, and the third in the amount of \$50,544, for the Domicile Restriction Program, all for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

The goal of all ATI programs is to reduce recidivism, promote public safety, and enhance defendant/offender accountability through community corrections. Probation Officers and Pretrial Services Corporation staff interview defendants to determine if any ATI programs would be appropriate for the defendant.

The Pretrial Program provides universal screening for defendants arrested and detained in the Monroe County Jail. The program staff interview defendants, verify information given and communicate that information to the Court in order to assist a qualified defendant in obtaining release on his/her own recognizance in lieu of money bail or pre-trial detention. If the defendant is released to the program, he/she is monitored to ensure attendance at subsequent Court appearances.

The Enhanced Pretrial Program provides intensive monitoring of a defendant by an individual case manager. An additional treatment component may be required of the defendant. The Program team links defendants with treatment programs, monitors defendant progress, and makes recommendations to the court for adjustment/modification. Monitoring occurs through personal and telephone contacts and continues at least twice per week until case disposition.

The Domicile Restriction Program provides an alternative to incarceration by the use of electronic monitoring of offenders. The program includes traditional phone monitoring, Global Positioning System monitoring and alcohol sensing equipment for high-risk offenders. By placing offenders in this program, the County saves money, and the offender has the opportunity to continue their employment, schooling, and/or treatment and maintain familial ties, thereby reducing their chance of re-offending.

The two (2) pretrial programs will be provided by Pre-Trial Services Corporation of the Monroe County Bar Association. The Domicile Restriction Program will be administered by staff from the Monroe County Office of Probation - Community Corrections. This will be the twenty-fifth year that the County has received these grants. This year's funding represents a decrease of \$8,890 from last year.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept a \$165,879 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, for the Alternatives to Incarceration Grant, for the Pretrial Program, for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept a \$102,675 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, for the Alternatives to Incarceration Grant, for the Enhanced Pretrial Program, for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
3. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept a \$50,544 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, for the Alternatives to Incarceration Grant, for the Domicile Restriction Program, for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
4. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
5. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law, and when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

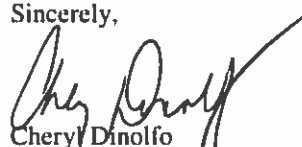
Environmental assessments were completed for this action and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

Funding for these grants is included in the 2017 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety, Office of Probation and Community Corrections, general fund 9001, funds center 2403060000, Alternatives to Incarceration.

These grants are 100% funded by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Cheryl Dinolfo
Monroe County Executive